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WEST VIRGINIA 2002 EGG PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2002 totaled 261 million eggs. This was 11 percent above the 2001 production of 235 million eggs.

Layer numbers during 2002 averaged 1.22 million, up 12 percent from 2001. The average annual production per layer was 214 eggs, one egg less than the 2001 average.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2002 (excluding commercial broilers) was 1.97 million head, up 1 percent from 2001.

Potential layers (layers 20 weeks old and older, plus pullets 13 weeks and older but less than 20 weeks) on hand December 1, 2002 totaled 1.42 million, down 3 percent from December 1, 2001. Of the 1.42 million potential layers 78 percent were 20 weeks old and older and the remaining 22 percent being pullets 13 weeks and older but less than 20 weeks.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2002 was \$9.24 million, up 8 percent from the December 1, 2001 value of \$8.59 million. The average value increased from \$4.40 per bird on December 1, 2001 to \$4.70 per bird on December 1, 2002.

UNITED STATES -- Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2002 totaled a record high 86.7 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the previous year's total of 85.7 billion eggs. Table egg production, at 73.8 billion eggs, increased 1 percent from 2001. Hatching egg production, at 12.9 billion eggs, decreased slightly.

Average Number of Layers Up 1 Percent: Layer numbers during 2002 averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2002 was 257 eggs, up slightly from the 2001 average of 256.

December 1 Inventory Numbers: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2002 (excluding commercial broilers) was 439 million birds, down 1 percent from last year.

Potential layers (layers 20 weeks old and older, plus pullets 13 weeks and older but less than 20 weeks) on hand December 1, 2002, totaled 377 million, down 1 percent from December 1, 2001. Of the 377 million potential layers, 89 percent were 20 weeks old and older and the remainder were pullets 13 weeks and older but less than 20 weeks.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2002 was \$1.05 billion, down 2 percent from December 1, 2001. The average value decreased from \$2.42 per bird on December 1, 2001, to \$2.38 per bird on December 1, 2002.

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